(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have decided to disinvest PSUs like EIL, BEML, RCF, NALCO, Neyveli Lignite Corporation and STC Limited; and

(d) if so, the latest position with regard to disinvestment of these PSUs, Company-wise?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government has decided to disinvest 51% of equity through strategic sale and upto 2% in favour of the employees in National Fertilizers Limited.

(c) As of now there is no decision for disinvestment in Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML), Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (RCF) and Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited (NLC). The decision of the Government in respect of Engineers India Limited (EIL), National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) and State Trading Corporation Limited (STC) is as under:

Name of Company	Decision
1. EIL	Disinvestment of 51% equity through strategic sale and 10% equity to the employees.
2. NALCO	Open market sale of 30% equity of NALCO followed by strategic sale and thus bring down the equity of Government to 26% after reserving 2% equity for NALCO employees.
3. STC To Reduce	The Government shareholding in STC to 26% through strategic sale and 10% in favour of STC employees out of the 26% remaining with the Government.

(d) The process of disinvestment in NFL is at an advanced stage. For disinvestment in EIL, the Advisors to the Government have been appointed. Public advertisements were issued in April 2002 and bidders shortlisted. Further process has been taken up. The process in NALCO and STC is in the initial stages.

Demonstration by CGHS employees

3. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government Health Scheme employees held a demonstration on the 19th June, 2002 in support of their demands in New Delhi;

(b) whether the recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission concerning these employees have not been implemented; and

(c) Government's response to their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A demonstration was held by the CGHS employees for fulfilment of their various demands numbering 22 included in the Charter of Demands submitted by All India CGHS Employees Association. These demands did not primarily relate to the implementation of the recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission. Decisions on some of the demands have already been taken and conveyed to the Association. As and when decisions are taken on the remaining demands of the Association, they would be informed of the same.

CAG Report on National Programme for Control of Blindness

4. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has criticized Government for poor implementation of National Prograrmme for Control of Blindness;

(b) if so, whether according to the report placed before the Parliament, it has pointed out that more than 70 lakh prospective beneficiaries were left untargeted;

(c) if so, the main reasons for not implementing the National Programme for Blindness; and

(d) the measures Government propose to take to implement fully the project for removing blindness in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) had carried out a review of National Programme for Control of Blindness in 2001-02 and have commented on various aspects of implementation of the programme.

(b) The estimates made by the CAG are based on ideal cataract surgery rate of 600 operations per lakh population, which is not realistic in the existing circumstances. The Programme aims to gradually raise Cataract Surgery Rate without compromising on quality of services.